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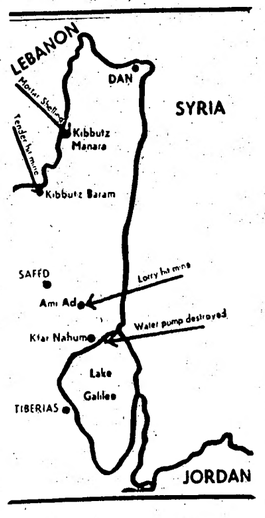

New Trouble Area

Tel Aviv (JCNS) Israel's air victory and the bombing of Syrian positions last month having failed to reduce Damascus's desire to develop a popular war against Israel, a frontal clash is becoming unavoidable, unless external factors can quickly persuade the Syrians to scale down their terror attacks.

This is the opinion today of political observers here following an inquiry which proved that Syrian commandos laid mines on the Tiberias-Rosh Pina road on Monday.

Levi Eshkol, the Prime Minister, now faces the dilemma: to risk the development of Syrian terror activities and the creation of insecurity on the main northern roads, or prepare for a full-fledged clash soon, and disregard international repercussions.

In an interview with the weekly Army organ "Bamahane", Mr. Eshkol said that a Vietcong-like anti-Israel guerrila campaign by the Syrians seemed impossible, but Syrian threats were being taken seriously.

(On April 7, Israeli aircraft silenced Syrian artillery positions in border incidents in which Israeli settlements were shelled after Syrian troops fired on an Israeli tractor. The Israeli aircraft shot down six Syrian Mig fighters without loss.

ACCUSE UNITED NATIONS

Jerusalem, (JCNS) Israel has accused the United Nations of a breach of an undertaking regarding the no man's land along the Jerusalem border.

When the Israeli delegation arrived for a meeting of the Mixed Armistice Commission at the usual venue, an abandoned house in the no man's land near the Mandelbaum Gate, they found Jordanian workers engaged in construction there.

The Israelis pointed out that Jordan, Israel and the U.N. agreed that any changes required the sanction of all three. The U.N. chairman, Colonel Stanway, of New Zealand, refused to order the work to stop or to allow an adjournment while the Israelis sought new instructions.

He then called for a vote on a Jordanian motion condemning Israel for ploughing near Latrun. The Israelis left the meeting, and the motion was carried in their absence.

Issa Fahel, London, Ont. rug salesman pushes in between reporter and meeting chairman, Prof. George Haggar. This intervention terminated interview. Photo by Lever.

Arab Terrorist At Campus Rally Calls For War

By Leonard Pulver

Zionism is a "reactionary, fascist, racist, militant movement," according to Saadat Hassan, representative of Arab archterrorist Ahmad Shukairy's Palestine Liberation Organization.

Hassan, who poses as an accredited "United Nations permanent representative", told an audience of two-hundred-fifty at the University of Toronto's Palestine Day Conference last Sunday afternoon: "There is no such thing as an Arab-Jewish conflict. We never have been anti-Jewish. Our opposition is to Zionism. This opposition would have been the same if the invaders had been Muslims from Turkey or Pakistan, or Christians from Europe."

AUDIENCE COOL

Hassan maintained that Israel was formed through "collusion between Zionist adventurers, fortune hunters and Imperialism." These people were not concerned about Palestine "but only the establishment of a state to colonize for their masters."

Wry smiles were observed on some faces in the audience when Hassan declared that "only British support converted the Zionist dream into reality."

He described the creation of the Palestine Liberation Organization thus:

"We had waited nineteen years for the United Nations, which was a party to the dismemberment of our homeland. . .When all avenues of redress (appeared) closed, in May 1964, the refugees regrouped forces, organized themselves and proclaimed Liberation Organization.

"It was formed to regain our rights and restore our homeland."

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Hassan noted the staunch loyalty of Arabs to their rulers when he said: "We (the P.L.O.) are backed by a hundred million Arabs, from the Atlantic Ocean to India, regardless of what their governments think. You have seen how many rulers have come and gone in the Arab countries."

Also on the panel with Hassan were the Assistant Registrar of Ryerson Politechnical Institute, James Peters, and the Director of the Arab Information Center at Ottawa, Ibrahim Shukrallah. Chairman was Prof. George Haggar of Waterloo Lutheran University.

ATTACKS CANADIAN JEWISH NEWS

All three speakers fulminated at "atrocities perpetrated by the Zionists."

"Prof. Haggar commented: "If I had not seen hate literature, I have seen it today!" He was referring to an article from the last issue of The Canadian Jewish News.

Prof. Haggar told the Conference, sponsored by the University of Toronto's Moslem Students Association, that the Canadian Jewish News "speaks for the Toronto Jewish community." And he read from the article reporting facts surrounding the conference.

The Professor said legislators "ought to examine Zionist hate literature.

"They (the Jews) cannot condone opposition or question."

Professor Haggar, a teacher at Waterloo Lutheran, reported that pressure had been brought to bear on his employers to "silence him.

"Haggar cannot be silenced by expulsions and World Zionism. . .It is stupid, idiotic and antidemocratic."

Hassan declared: "We will not hesitate to use every possible means, every conceivable means in our struggle to emancipate our homeland."

Asked after the meeting whether that included acts of terrorism, he replied, "I said every possible means."

In response to a question from the audience Hassan stated: "Wars of liberation are moral and right. Atrocities are part of war. I prefer to liberate our land without firing a bullet - but I won't hesitate to do it."

A large number of questions were posed in writing, mostly, judging from their content, from Canadians opposed to Arab extremism.

As chairman of the meeting, Prof. Haggar edited and interpreted most of those questions which were read to the panel.

DODGES QUESTIONS

One complaint was received by reporters at the press table, which was forwarded to the chairman who read it aloud. An Israeli student complained that his question had been ignored. The panel evaded answering.

Notable among the questions were several relating to Arab-Nazi collaboration. Hassan, fielding these, spent twenty minutes avoiding a direct answer. He tried to divert attention to the activities of the Irgun, Stern Group and Hagganah, without acknowledging the discrepancy in time.

Hassan could not refer to Ben Gurion without adding, "and his henchmen".

Afterwards he was asked whether he was "a henchman of Ahmad Shukairy."

He puffed himself up to his full height (5'5") and said: "I take that as an insult. I am no man's henchman. I will answer no more questions."

A skirmish ensued at the conclusion of the conference.

A reporter and two news photographers were pushed around by a group of young Arab punks whose leader was a middle aged rug salesman from London, Ontario; he appeared to have appointed himself lord high censor.

He repeatedly interrupted interviewers, demanded to see press accreditation and finally tried to grab the camera of a press photographer as he took a picture. He backed off when threatened with a clout from a flash gun.

About twenty-five young Arabs pressed in menacingly, some threatening violence. However, no blows were struck.

Suddenly Prof. Haggar came running out of the lobby shouting imprecations at the reporter. His conduct definitely was hardly becoming the dignity of a university professor.

Eight persons handed out leaflets at the end of the meeting. Their dodger read:

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• Commentary •

By M.J. Nurenberger

TO ARAB FRIENDS

Israeli Premier Levi Eshkol's reminder during the last Independence Weekend celebrations — that his country may have "to resort to new measures against Syria" — is serious indeed. It follows directly the declaration by the United Nations Secretary General U Thant, deploring "the recent increase of terror at Israel's border areas with Lebanon and Syria." Mr. Thant openly stated, according to a Reuters report, that the escalation of infiltration must be combatted by all governments in the area. Thus the UN Secretary General flatly placed the responsibility for the deterioration in the Middle East situation at the doorstep of Syria.

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It is understandable that the so-called "Palestine Liberation Organization" operating from Syria would tend to confuse public opinion here by organizing meetings during which the Arab position is misrepresented. It is high time public opinion realizes that, while there are Arab politicians who openly proclaim their readiness to go to war against Israel, other Arab leaders would consider it a calamity if anything happened to Israel.

First of all, there are the Christians of Lebanon, half the population, who definitely are opposed to any involvement against Israel. Then there is the Kingdom of Jordan where the sovereign, King Hussein, knows that the only security between him and annihilation is Israel, its might and its readiness to defend the status quo. Now even the king of Saudi Arabia, on his visit to London, hinted at the danger emanating from Cairo and Damascus. In fact, both the king of to be interested in peace with Israel; so are the Morocco and the president of Tunisia are known emigré Algerian revolutionaries.

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It is remarkable how a few punks can get away in a Toronto university hall with presenting an employee of the terrorist "Palestine Liberation Organization", a group banned from most of the Arab countries, as a "United Nations diplomat". Further more the same group finds a professor who attacks The Canadian Jewish News for alleged anti-Arabism. He conveniently forgets that this newspaper has been propagating for years peace and genuine concord between Arabs and Jews despite the provocateurs supported by various interests, especially those circles close to Peking.

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The situation in the Middle East is serious and in this political atmosphere it is pertinent to remind those interested in peace there that the talk of agitators who maintain to be "for Jews and against Zionism" is a lot of ballyhoo. When they say, "Zionism," as versus "the Jews", they mean Israel. They do not realize that in the matter of defending the integrity of Israel there are no Zionists, non-Zionists nor anti-Zionists; there is a united will and determination of the Jewish people and all its non-Jewish friends and all who are tired of this persecution — all ready to defend those dwelling in Zion.

I have pointed out upon many an occasion that all the comparisons between Israel and colonialist regimes are misleading. The basic characteristic of the colonialist regime is, first, a minority of foreigners who are the landlords and exploiters of labor oppressing a majority of toilers. From this point of view even a comparison with South Africa is wrong.

The people of Israel are, in the vast majority, Jews: they are the janitors and cabinet ministers, teachers and factory workers, laborers and businessmen. They do not exploit any minority. Therefore there cannot be any question of supporting the majority of the ruled against the minority of the rulers. But there are constant provocations from foreign sources against the people of Israel, the first in the area to fight foreign colonial domination.

Thus, to summarize, Israel cannot condone, as Secretary General U Thant indicated, terrorist infiltrations; no country would. And Israel is strong not only because of its military readiness but because it is not a colonialist establishment in a foreign country; it is a nation that returned home by blood, sweat and tears.

Israeli President to visit Ottawa, Montreal, Toronto

SHAZAR BEGINS CANADA TOUR

Ottawa (CJN) - This capital is readying itself for the official reception of Israel's third president, His Excellency Zalman Shazar who arrives in Canada this weekend by a special El Al plane direct from Jerusalem.

The Israeli president, who will open officially his nation's pavilion at Expo '67 on Tuesday, May 23rd, will be received first officially in Ottawa. Receptions for Israel's highest dignitary already have been arranged by Governor-General, Ronald Michener, Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson and the Jewish community.

This is the first time an Israeli president is visiting Canada.

Other receptions are scheduled in Montreal by the city and the Jewish community; in Quebec City by the provincial government; in Toronto by the provincial government and the Jewish community.

Will Address 2,000 Children

His Excellency, Zalman Shazar, President of the State of Israel, will visit Toronto, May 26 - 29. While here he will be the guest of Premier John Robarts and the Lt. Governor of Ontario, Mr. Earl Rowe.

The President will meet with delegations of Jewish community leaders including top officials of the Federated Zionist Organization of Canada and the Toronto United Jewish Appeal. On Sunday, May 28th, Mr. Shazar will address an assembly of more than 2,000 Jewish school children at Toronto's North York Centennial Arena.

A mass meeting of the entire community, in celebration of Israel's Independence Day (the 19th anniversary of the establishment of the State of Israel), is scheduled to take place in the Canadian Room of the Royal York Hotel at 8:00 p.m., Sunday May 28th, where President Shazar will deliver the main address.

Rabbi Defends Birth Control

London, (JCNS) Jewish religious leaders were urged by Controversial Rabbi Dr. Louis Jacobs on Monday to emulate the courage of their Christian counterparts in seeking to bring about a revision of the traditional attitude to contraception.

Dr. Jacobs was presenting the Jewish viewpoint in a symposium on "Marriage and Divorce" held in the William Beveridge Hall of London University, under the auspices of the Society for the Study of Jewish Theology.

Pointing out that Judaism had not always held its present views on the subject of birth control, Dr. Jacobs said that the Talmud revealed a far more permissive attitude than that which had subsequently developed in the Middle Ages.

Of the Jewish attitude towards marriage, Dr. Jacobs said that whereas celibacy was on the whole frowned on, it was not true to assume, as was so often assumed, that Judaism knew nothing of celibacy.

There had been Jews, including the Essenes and the Qumran sect, who remained celibate in the name of their religion, and the rabbis agreed that a man "whose soul was in love with the Torah" might postpone marriage indefinitely.

However, this was not normative Judaism. Though there had occasionally existed Jewish ascetics in the Middle Ages, they had not as a rule rejected marriage.

Speaking of the Jewish attitude to divorce, Rabbi Jacobs said that Rabbi Akiba had been much criticised by his coreligionists for declaring that a man might divorce his wife if he found another women whom he preferred.

He felt that Akiba might simply have been rebelling against the Roman mores and there might even have been a hint here of an anti-Christian reaction.

FIRST BAR MITZVA IN LAOS

New York, (JCNS) The barmitzvah of Brian Roy Izenberg, the 13-year-old son of an American Embassy official in Vientiane, the administrative capital of Laos, is the first to be celebrated there.

Mr. William Sullivan, the American Ambassador, and 70 other Americans assembled in the United States community centre in the city for the ceremony, which was believed to be a small historic milestone for Laos, according to the "New York Times" correspondent there.

Because no rabbi could attend, the ceremony was conducted by Brian's father, Mr. Izenberg, the cultural attache to the American Embassy in Laos, and several Israeli technicians working in the country for the United Nations made up the minyan.

The nearest rabbi was an American Air Force chaplain stationed in Thailand. He was not allowed to enter Laos, apparently by the 1962 Geveva agreement on the neutralisation of the country, under which members of the United States forces and those of other powers are barred.

SPECIAL SHAZAR SUPPLEMENT

Next week's Canadian Jewish News will contain a special magazine section dedicated to the historic visit of President Zalman Shazar. The Israeli President will be the official guest of Canada from May 21st through 28th.

GUEST OF HONOR. - His Excellency Gershon Avner, Ambassador of Israel to Canada, who will be guest of honor at the Anniversary Ball of Toronto's State of Israel Bonds, June 12th, on the eve of his return to Israel after completing his official duties in Canada.

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"It's rally to the ranks! The greatest United Jewish Appeal campaign ever held in Metropolitan Toronto will end in three weeks." So said Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg, current United Jewish Appeal Campaign Chairman of Toronto.

The Rabbi added, "With $2,402,000 already pledged to the 1967 campaign, a considerable amount of work still must be accomplished to realize the goal. However, the general consensus is: with a little more effort by the canvassers at large, the campaign can attain a new high of $3.2 million by the May 31st deadline.

"The overall general increase on the same cards canvassed in 1966 is 17.4% for the 1967 campaign. The Women's Division increased total is at a 13.4% level. To reach the campaign goal, a 25% increase must be maintained on the outstanding 8,754 pledge cards valued at a 1966 figure of $865,200."

The Rabbi continued, "Many added events were planned in order for the campaign to impress upon the Jewish community the need for additional contribution. There were the Study Mission to Europe, the Rebbe's Tish held every Thursday at 150 Beverley Street, the tribute to the Hon. David Ben Gurion, to name a few.

"Success now is near at hand; it is within fingertip reach. However, it would be for naught if, at this point, our canvassers were to relax for the balance of the campaign."

Rabbi Rosenberg also emphasized that "the remaining three weeks will be devoted to rally everyone in an all-out drive to cover the remainder of outstanding pledge cards. The initial get-together will be a breakfast for the campaign leaders in top gifts, at Beth Tzedec Synagogue, Wednesday, May 17th.

"In addition, there will be two general blitzes held for canvassers of all divisions at 150 Beverley Street, May 18th and 25th, beginning 8:30 A.M.

"A Victory Celebration at Temple Sinai, June 19th, will culminate the six months of activity. In the evening, awards will be presented outstanding workers of each division. The leaders of the campaign also will be honored. A record turnout is expected."

PLAN TORONTO'S BIGGEST

A hundred fifteen leading members of Toronto's Jewish community have united to form the Anniversary Ball committee under the chairmanship of Benjamin Dunkelman. The Ball takes place on Monday evening, June 12th, in the Centennial Ballroom of the Inn on the Park, in joint celebration of Israel's 19th anniversary and Canada's Centennial. Guest of honor will be His Excellency Ambassador Gershon Avner who completes his service as Israel's chief envoy to Canada.

Benjamin Dunkelman chaired the initial meeting of the Ball committee which took place at the Primrose Club and was attended by more than seventy members of the National Honorary Societies, State of Israel Bonds, sponsors of the Anniversary Ball.

The Ball will be attended by prominent dignitaries from the Government of Canada civic affairs, the art world, and the Consular Corps.

An extensive program of entertainment will highlight the Candlelight Dinner and the official opening of the Ball by His Excellency Gershon Avner, and Mrs. Avner, Rivka Raz, internationally famed star of Israel's "My Fair Lady," "The King and I", and "Oliver", will appear as special guest artist.

The Hon. W. Earl Rowe, P.C. Q.C., Lieutenant Governor of Ontario, and Mrs. Rowe head an impressive list of dignitaries who will be in attendance at the Ball, including: His Worship Mayor William Dennison and Mrs. Dennison; The Hon. Robert Stanely Welch, Minister of Citizenship and Provincial Secretary, and Mrs. Welch; The Hon. Thomas L. Wells, Minister without Portfolio and Mrs. Wells; Mr. Allen B. Moreland, Consul General of the United States of America and Mrs. Moreland; Mr. Georges A. Falquier, Consul General of Switzerland, and Mrs. Falquier; Mr. Luis Tejeda-Tejeda, Consul of Mexico, and Mrs. Tejeda-Tejeda; Mr. Apostolos Papasliotis, Vice-Consul of Greece, and Mrs. Papasliotis; Mr. J. Ragnar Johnson, Q.C., Consul of Iceland, and Mrs. Johnson; Mr. Bozidar Stanic, Consul General of Yugoslavia, and Mrs. Stanic; Mr. Juan J. de Soto, Consul of Panama, and Mrs.

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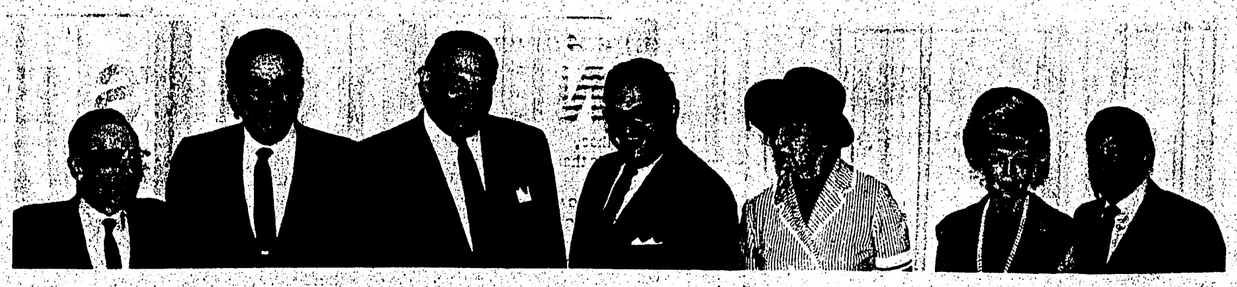

MEMBERS OF NATIONAL HONORARY SOCIETIES AT STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS MEETING.—The above members of the National Honorary Societies, Toronto's State of Israel Bonds, were head table guests at the recently held initial meeting of the Ball committee at the Primrose Club: (left to right) Mark A. Levy, past general chairman; Benjamin Dunkelman, chairman of the meeting; Max Shecter, general chairman; Philip G. Givens, Q.C.; Mrs. Mendel Israelson, Women's Division chairman; Mrs. Morris Zweig, national vice president, Women's Division; Philip Granovsky, chairman of Guardians.

Bonds Ball Committee

MEET FOR STATE OF ISRAEL BONDS: - Photos on this page depict a cross section of some of the seventy guests at the initial meeting of the Ball committee of Toronto's State of Israel Bonds Anniversary Ball.

The Anniversary Ball committee includes: Lou Abrams; Jack Abramson; Jacob Adler; Max Aiken; Ike Airst; Philip E. Band; Kalmen Berger; Stephen Berger; Hyman Bergman; Leonard Blatt; James Blugerman; Harvey S. Borden; Dr. Isadore M. Cass; Mrs. Carl C. Cole; Sydney C. Cooper; Murray Cornblum; Joseph Diamond; Nathan Eisenstat; Max Elkin; Ralph Etigson; Joseph Figa; Sam Feigenbaum; Louis Fenkell; Arnold A. Finkler, Harry Frank; Harry Frimerman; Irwin Frohman; Charles Garfunkel; Dr. Jerome Giblon; Dr. Seymour W. Giddens; Philip G. Givens, Q.C.; Dr. Max Glassman; Mrs. Max Glassman; Bert Godfrey; Paul Godfrey; Jack Goldberg; Ernest Goldberger; Louis Goldkind; Max Goody, Israel Grader; Phil Granovsky; David Green; Jack M. Grossman; Harold Gross; Bernard Gruszko; Samuel W. Gwartzman; Louis Haber; D. Lou Harris; George Herczeg; Ben A. Himel; Nathan O. Hurwich; A. Mel Isenberg; Mrs. Mendel Israelson; Jack Jacogs; Joseph Kerbel; Carl Keyfetz; Jack Kostman; David Kronis; Henry Lederman; Dr. Hart Levin; Mark A. Levy; Al Leibovitch; Justice Abraham H. Lieff; Louis Mayzel; Sam Meister; David Meltzer; Wm. Charles Menkes; Samuel Milgrom; Ralph Milrod; Joel Morgenstern; Nicholas M. Munk; Morris Offman; Manny Okrent; Meyer J. Oster; Al Perly; Leo Perkell; Joseph Pinkus; Rabbi Dr. W. Gunther Plaut; Montague Raisman; Bruce Rapp; Arthur J. Richmond; Ralph Rotman; Harry Rubin; Murray Rumack; Samuel Salcman; Samuel Sarick; Theodore Schwartz; Samuel Shainhouse; Dr. Norman W. Shaul; Max Schecter; Samuel Shendroff; Nathan Silver; Joseph Silverberg; Ralph Snow; Louis Soupcoff; Jack Steinman; Irving P. Sussman; Mrs. Irving P. Sussman; H. Wayne Tanenbaum; Joseph Tanenbaum; Nathan Teperman; Irving Ungerman; Harry Uster; Andrew Veidlinger; Judge Harry Waisberg; Henry Waks; Samuel T. Warren; Dave Wiener; Aaron Wolfe; Benjamin Wortsman; Louis Zuker, Q.C.; Daniel Zultek; Jacob J. Zweig; Mrs. Morris Zweig.

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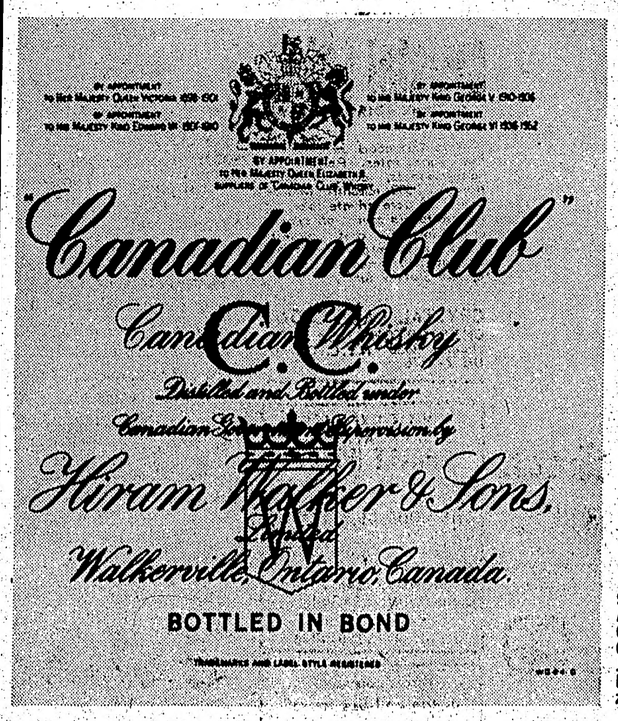

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Strange Adventures

by Ben Frank

NEW YORK'S EAST SIDE

"I'll pray thee, ask no questions, this is that Golden Land."

These are the opening words of Henry Roth's recently resurrected novel of the Lower East Side, "Call It Sleep."

The East Side was far from being the Golden Land, but few Jews at the turn of the century asked questions. They lived in its slum jungles, its ugliness and its crowded tenements, and worshipped in its small, crowded synagogues. They established their Yiddish newspapers, gradually built new synagogues, organized cultural and educational programmes to hasten the process of acculturation, founded a Yiddish theatre and built a way of life.

Forty - and even 20 - years ago, the Lower East Side still could be called a thriving Jewish community. But not now. For just as fervently as Jews fought their battles for adjustment to a new American society, so have they deserted the Lower East Side. Perhaps there are 50,000 left; once there were a million. Except for a small Orthodox minority and a few old buildings, many of which still post dusty signs recalling a bygone era, there is little left of Jewishness in this cradle of American Jewry.

True, some Jewish landmarks still exist, like Weitzman's, the famous delicatessen on Delancey Street, where office - hungry politicians think they are winning the Jewish vote by munching knishes during election campaigns. The majority of the shops are still owned by Jews and many of the Tenements still have Jewish landlords, but the less said about that the better.

EMERGENCY REPAIRS

There is the Beth Hamidrash Hagodol which cries out for emergency funds for repair. Another synagogue, Anshe Odessa, is a Puerto Rican Eglesia, one of the many signs of the new immigration that has replaced the old. A synagogue on Rivington Street has seats for 1,500, but only about 40 men attend Sabbath services.

Jewish merchants admittedly make a good living in the neighbourhood, but they do not live there. They live on Long Island, in the Bronx, or in near-by Brooklyn. Out of 20 Jewish merchants interviewed, only one lived on the Lower East Side.

But Jews still come for bargains - hundreds of antique, clothing and novelty shops are open on Sunday. It is the only large business section in New York that is legally open that day, thanks to the recent New York State law which permits shops closed on the Jewish Sabbath to be open on Sunday. The law is honoured in the breach: most of the shops stay open seven days a week.

Thousands of out-of-town Jews visit the district daily, in search of religious articles ranging from mezuzot to a shochet's chalef, to a talit, to an engagement certificate, to religious music, to sifrei Torah and ark hangings, books in Hebrew and Yiddish - they are all there. There are religious department stores like J. Levine & Sons where the JEWISH CHRONICLE can be bought.

But even the reminders of the old business days are not the same. The Orchard St. pushcart stands now mainly serve Negroes and Puerto Ricans. In the old days the stand-owners used to cry their wares in Yiddish; now they have learned enough Spanish to advertise their bargains in a Spanishas Yiddish-flavoured as their English continues to be.

The exodus of Jews began years ago. As they acquired position, status and money, they moved to better accommodation in the area, then to better neighbourhoods, especially when the new generation was being born. And while the new generation was glad to get away, time has lent the Lower East Side the glamour of nostalgia, and its alumni speak warmly of it in their drawing-rooms on Park Avenue and Beverly Hills.

Jewish leaders in the area claim that it could again become a thriving Jewish community if middle-income apartments were built. But these, according to the urban renewal regulations, have to be built alongside low-income projects.

REVIVAL UNLIKELY

Would these draw Jews back? It is unlikely. The pattern has been, and probably will continue to be, that American Jews cling to white, suburban neighbourhoods, and it is the rare exception who will choose to live in a multi-racial area, and in an "integrated" apartment house, and certainly not alongside a multi-racial housing project.

Jews like to recall the Lower East Side as it once was: crowded and poor, but Jewish suburbanite takes the children on a Sunday drive down Delancey and Essex and Hester and all the other famous streets and says: "There's where grandma used to live. This was once a Jewish neighbourhood."

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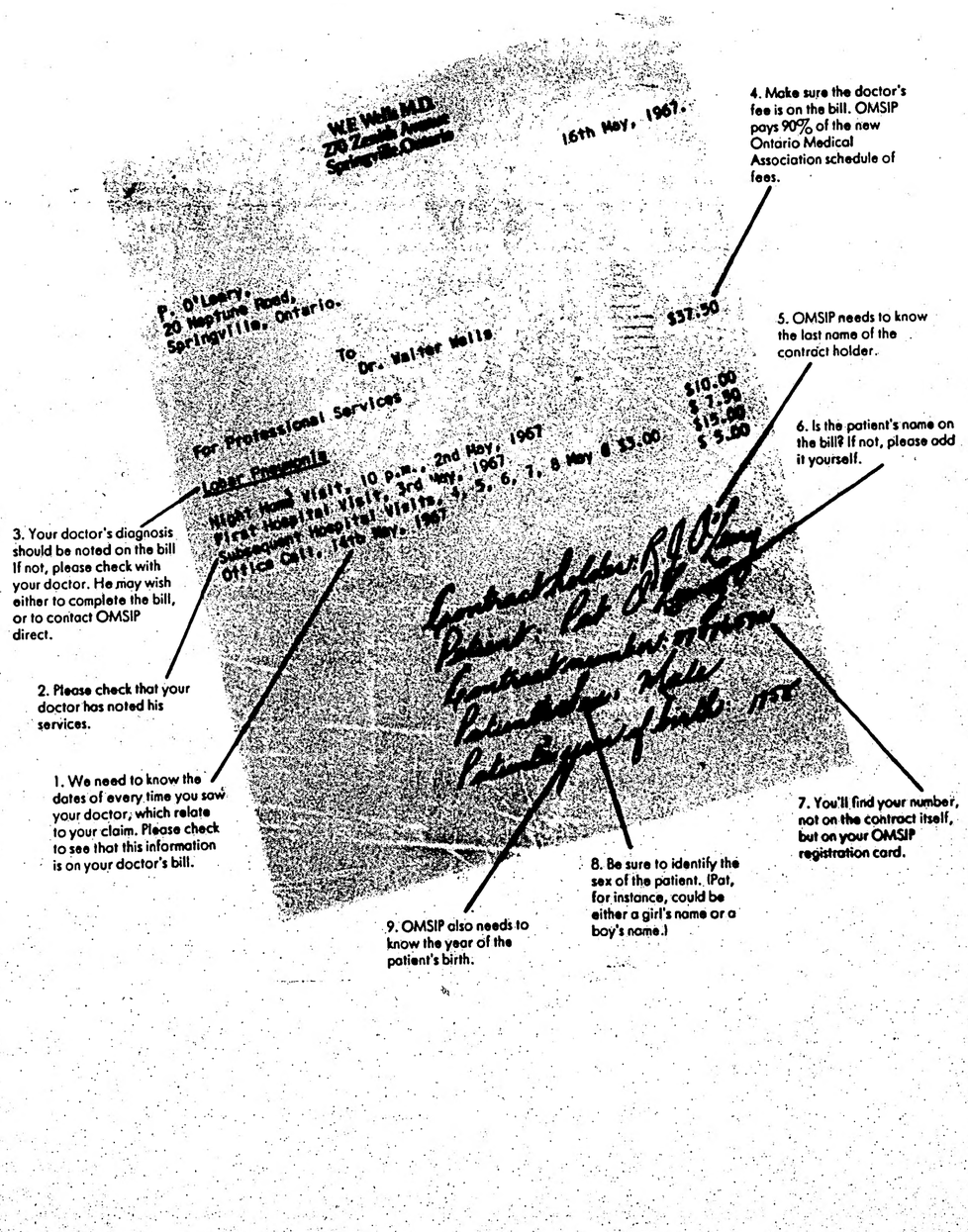
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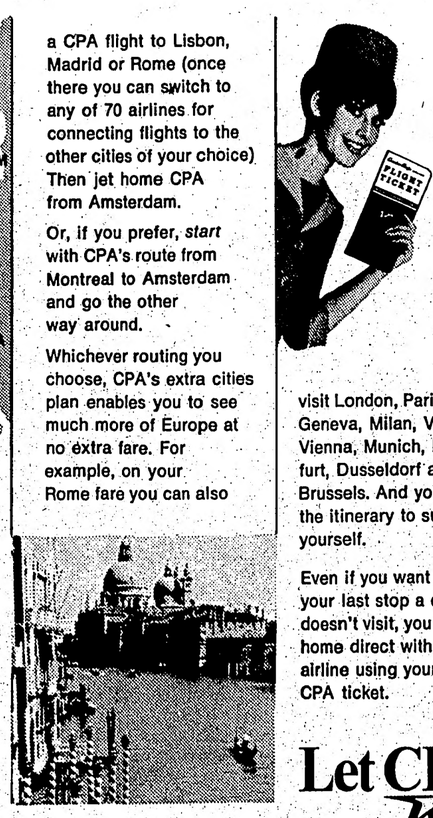

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Quebec Politics

STATEMENT IN ORDER

It would be fallacious to state that there is no Jewish concern of recent developments in Quebec. Some remarks in Parliament, statements by Quebec politicians and leaders, have placed on the agenda the problem: whither Quebec Jewry? Is it true that one political party is more "anti-Jewish" than the other? Is it anti-Jewish? Is it fair to insist that, because of some lapsus linguae, no matter how deplorable, an entire community should be accused of prejudice?

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We of The Canadian Jewish News quite often have urged the Jewish community of Montreal to adjust itself to a new situation where the Quebecers, no matter what some elsewhere may think, seem to be dedicated totally to the proposition that this province must be recognized as **different**.

It is a pity that so many French Canadians in that province do not realize how sympathetic Jews are to the cultural and economic aims of the people of Quebec. We dare say that no group outside the French community in Quebec understands the longing of the French Canadian to be master in his own house.

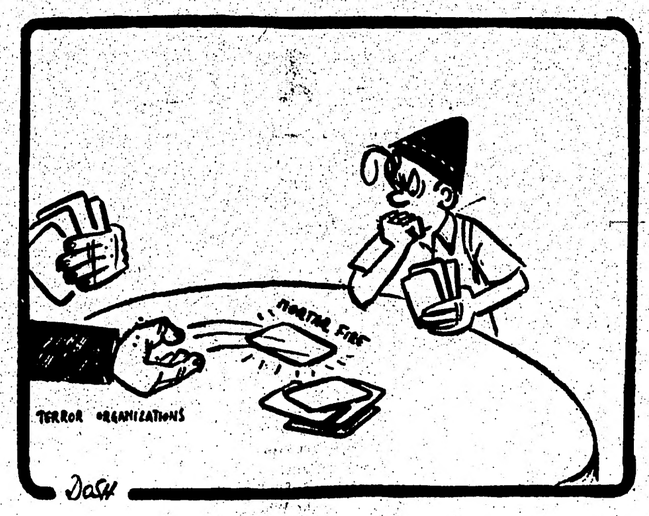
To those who do not see the changes in the atmosphere of Quebec, we repeat what we have stated before: no one, but no one, except the majority of the peoople of Quebec will decide the future of this province.

Therefore it hurts when we hear snide remarks in Parliament in an undertone of a sort of humor we do not appreciate. This humor frightens those who have historic experience with antisemitic satire.

We definitely reject the theory that anyone in the Quebec House is antisemitic or racialist. On this issue the Premier is right. He also is right when he criticizes some opposition members of exploiting a situation. These members of the opposition are right, in turn, when they demand an unequivocal, clear declaration from Mr. Johnson.

It is our belief that the people of Quebec are a warmhearted, kind, generous and tolerant lot.

Thus, in the interest of Quebec, we should like the Premier to tell us what he really thinks about the recent incidents. It would be good for Quebec and would reassure all those who need it in their profound belief in the grandeur of this truly great community.



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Queries About Tradition

THE SEVEN WEEKS

Question: What are the weeks between Passover and Shavuot? Why are there no weddings performed?

Answer: "And you shall count unto you from the morrow after the Sabbath, from the day that you brought the sheaf of the wave offering; seven Sabbaths shall be complete. Even unto the morrow after the seventh Sabbath shall you number fifty days . . ."

The above quoted commandment to count 49 days between the first day of Pesach and the eve of Shavuot is given in the Torah in Leviticus 23. According to the Bible, the "Omer" offering - consisting of a measure of barley - was brought to the Temple on the second day of Pesach, and from then until Shavuot 49 days were counted.

After the Temple was destroyed, the barley offering was no longer made, but the Jewish people still continued to count the period of the Omer.

The famous teacher, Maimonides, compared the period between Pesach and Shavuot to one of "ardent expectation" for the arrival of a close friend. The "close friend" was, in this case, the Torah, and the 49 days marked the period between the Exodus and the giving of the Holy Law. "The latter," says Maimonides, "was the aim and the object of the exodus from Egypt."

With the passing of the centuries, the days of the Omer came to be regarded as a period of mourning. Particularly associated with it was the plague which befell the pupils of Rabbi Akiva during the revolt of Bar Kochba.

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According to tradition, on the thirty-third day of the Omer - Lag b'Omer - the plague began to subside. History also records that, during the month of Nisan in the year 1096 C.E., terrible massacres were carried out by the Crusaders among our people in Palestine.

To commemorate this period of sadness, the rabbis decreed that no marriages or other festivities were allowed during the period of the Omer, with the exception of Lag b'Omer and the first four days of the month of Sivan. Thus, visits to places of entertainment are also forbidden during these solemn days.

MONTH OF IYAR

In general, the month of Iyar is a sad period in the Jewish year. In ancient times there were two fast days, the tenth (when the High Priest Eli, was killed and the Ark captured) and the twenty-ninth (when the Prophet Samuel died).

There are, however, one or two happy days. Iyar 5 (which fell this year on Monday, May 15th) is Israel's Independence Day, and Iyar 14 is Pesach Sheni (Second Passover). In Temple times, those people who were far away from Israel, or who were unable to celebrate the festival at the proper time, observed the holiday a month later. On Iyar 14, too, there are special celebrations in Tiberias, at the tomb of Rabbi Meir Baal Haness, who is said to have died on that day.

When did you have your first haircut? For many thousands of children in Israel, their first haircut will be on Lag b'Omer. They will be taken to Mount Meron in the evening, and singing and dancing with torches will carry on until the early hours of the morning. The little boys will then have their beautiful curls cut.

Meron is the burial place of Rabbi Shimeon bar Yochai, a famous scholar. The aniniversary of his birth is observed as a special holiday, particularly by Hasidim. People come from far and wide to take part in the celebrations.

Iyar is referred to in the Bible as the month of "Ziv". Some say this means "buds", and many trees - such as vines and pomegranates - come into full bloom. It is also the month when the sheep are sheared, so that their coats will not be too hot for them in the summer months to follow.

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Behind the JDC Roumania Agreement

HOW TO SPEND $960 MILLION

The report from Geneva, Switzerland, about the new agreement between the Federation of Jewish Communities of Roumania, headed by Chief Rabbi Moses A. Rosen and the Joint Distribution Committee which is a major partner of the United Jewish Appeal, has aroused great interest in all Jewish centers. The announcement in Geneva was made by Charles H. Jordan, executive chairman of the JDC.

The Roumanian government, according to Mr. Jordan, has demonstrated a most profound understanding for the spiritual needs of the Jewish community. It also has recognized the role of North American Jewry in the philanthropic endeavor to serve Jewish needs.

The first important event marking this new era of cooperation between North American Jewry and the Roumanian community in religious and philanthropic areas was the communal Seder in Bucharest chaired by Chief Rabbi Rosen.

The following story on the history of the American Joint Distribution Committee, with which Toronto's Jewish community has been working in closest cooperation, provides the background of this most important international Jewish organization.

The cable sent from Turkey by the United States Ambassador, Henry Morgenthau, to the leaders of North American Jewry on the autumn day in 1914 was to the point: could they raise $50,000 in a hurry?

The money was needed to save the 60,000 Jews of Palestine from starvation.

It was not the only appeal reaching North American Jewry. From Europe itself, pleas for help started to roll in as the tide of war disrupted and decimated once great communities.

North American Jewry, still essentially an immigrant group and only just finding its feet in the New World, responded with the "Joint Distribution Committee of American Funds for Jewish War Sufferers." It was the first formal involvement of North American Jewry as a collective entity in the world outside, the first act in a massive programme of voluntary relief which has cost $960,000,000 in the years between.

BIRTH OF "JOINT"

It was the beginning of the American Joint Distribution Committee.

While its founders and its first chairman, Felix M. Warburg, thought the "war to end all wars" would bring an end to the activities of, what they regarded as a temporary relief organisation, the aftermath of European bloodshed quickly proved that they were committed to an endless process of physical and moral rehabilitation.

Hundreds of thousands of Jews in Poland, the Baltic States, Russia, Czechoslovakia, Hungary and Rumania were suffering from famine, disease, pogroms. Money was no longer sufficient. Men were needed, too. Between 1919 and 1923, more than a hundred North Americans - doctors, nurses, administrators - volunteered their services to the "Joint," the first American "Peace Corps."

With immediate personal distress taken care of, the "Joint" set about the business of rehabilitating communities.

In Russia, where Jews were struggling to adapt themselves to post-revolutionary conditions, the "Joint" helped 20,000 Jewish families to settle on land given by the Russian Government in the Ukraine and the Crimea. By a hideous act of fate, almost every one of the 300,000 Jews settled in these farm colonies perished in the German onslaught on the Soviet Union.

But tragedy was to be the end of one phase of the "Joint's" activity in Europe and the beginning of another. At first clandestinely in occupied Europe and then openly in the wake of the liberating Allied armies, "Joint" relief teams gathered and succoured the survivors of the Holocaust.

In a vast operation of rescue and rehabilitation, it assisted 620,000 men, women and children to shake the dust of Europe from their feet.

When the Communist regimes of Eastern Europe made it increasingly difficult and then impossible for the "Joint" to coninue its work here, attention was switched to Israel and the Jewish communities in Moslem countries, where deprivation was hardly less than it had been in post-War Europe.

At the same time, headed by a team which included such selfsacrificing men as Edward M. Warburg, Moses Leavitt, Joseph J. Schwartz and Charles Jordan, the "Joint," backed by the massive funds of the United Jewish Appeal and later by the tion, the Suez campaign, North African independence and the reunification of families coming from Eastern Europe.

700,000 IN W. EUROPE

Last year alone, the "Joint" aided 70,000 people in Western Europe. Since 1949, it has been responsible for the care of the handicapped, aged and chronically sick among Israel's immigrants - 85,000 of them in 1966.

And now, in its 53rd year, the "Joint" willingly returns to its self-imposed tasks in Rumania, after a Government enforced absence of 16 years - the start of another phase in the dedicated and life-saving career of the greatest Jewish relief agency and one of the outstanding voluntary institutions in the world.

letters to the editor

ACCUSES QUEBEC MPs

Dear Editor:

It is my feeling that the recent, so-called antisemitic incidents in the Quebec legislature are contrived by a group of people in the liberal party who are becoming aware that their monopolistic hold on the Jewish voters of Quebec is slipping. They are resorting to the most blatant demagoguery in order to frighten us back into the liberal fold. The sight of a self-righteous Jean Lesage beating his breast and loudly rushing to the defense of the Jewish community strikes me as strange since the liberal government, when it was in power, turned a deaf ear to the Jewish community's pleas for the right to their own schools in order to insure their cultural and religious survival.

The spectacle of Dr. V. Goldbloom desecrating the Jewish Festival of Passover in order to act in the second scene of this farce is something he should be ashamed of. This infantile appeal to the bogey man of antisemitism as a means of securing the Jewish vote must stop.

The real issues must be faced on their merits and not by emotional appeals to prejudice.

I wish to remind the Jewish community that it was the Union National Government of Paul Sauvé which instituted the grants of $200 to Jewish high school students and it is the Union National government of Daniel Johnson which is increasing these grants to $350 per student. Does this seem like the action of a group of people who would harm the Jewish community?

I. Akerman.
Chomedey, Que.

A Great American Anniversary

ASSOCIATED SIXTY YEARS OLD

by Joseph Levine, president, Associated Hebrew Schools, Toronto

The sixtieth year in the life of any institution is worthy of note, particularly of those which function in the field of education. In the current school year, 1966-67, Associated has attained its sixtieth year of existence and will celebrate its Diamond Jubilee, on Tuesday, June 6th.

SIX DECADES OF CONTINUAL GROWTH

During a span of six decades, from its very humble beginnings (in 1907) at the small Simcoe St. Talmud Torah (consisting of two semi-detached houses converted into a school, located in what was at the time the heart of the small Jewish community of Toronto), Associated has grown into a veritable giant among Jewish educational institutions, with an enrolment approaching 3,000 in its various departments - Day and Evening Schools.

IMPACT ON YOUTH

Paralleling the rapid strides in the expansion of the Toronto Jewish community over a period of two generations, the evolution and development of this school literally has touched the lives of thousands of the youth. For sixty years many gifted and inspired teachers have applied themselves diligently to the task of ed-diligently to the task of educating the young and illuminating their spirit with the insights of the various richly faceted aspects of Judaism.

EDUCATIONAL PHILOSOPHY OF ASSOCIATED

The pioneers who established this school were firm in their convictions and no less positive in their minds on their basic philosophy of education. They were traditionalists with a progressive outlook, especially if one considers that their formula was laid down at the beginning of the present century. Their school was to be religiously oriented; it was to foster a knowledge of and love for Torah; special emphasis was to be laid on the Hebrew language, written and spoken, sacred and secular a revolutionary step in its time; the ideal of Israel reborn and Zion restored was to have an honored place in the curriculum.

There was to be a positive attitude to everything of creative value nurtured and evolved by the Jewish spirit throughout the ages, beginning with the dawn of our peoplehood, through our sacred literature of the Tanach and Talmud, through the long series of our intellectual giants, to modern resurgent Jewish creativity as it unfolds for example in our time in the genius of Bialik and Agnon.

THE JEWISH PUBLIC SCHOOL

A second central pillar of this philosophy: the total of the Jewish people, respect for and a sense of kinship with every Jew, everywhere, regardless of ideology or geography. Everyone who posited his adherence to the Jewish people was to be accepted and respected as a fellow Jew.

This was the broad foundation upon which was to be built their Jewish public school - the common meeting place for Jewish youngsters from all religious and social strata to be fed by the mainstream of the community and in turn to nurture and sustain it, thus to furthering the education of the youth and striving for the continuity of a vigorous Jewish life in this city.

With the passing of the years, the wisdom and soundness of this philosophy can be even more appreciated; the need for its implementation becomes of vital concern to the meaningful functioning of Judaism on this continent.

UNITY OR FRAGMENTATION

American Jewry presently is faced by tremendous strains and stresses, externally emanating from many freedoms with its resultant integration and acculturation, internally because of fragmentization into sharply divided congregational and ideological blocs. Many a time these blocs are found fostering loyalty to their particular institutions as if they and they only, were the repositories of all Jewish values and the totality of Jewish life and as though the concept of Klal Israel were outdated and of no significance.

As the dire and tragic consequences of this fragmentation become more apparent, it is to be hoped that a growing number among us will begin to realize how important it is to stress more of the aspects of Jewish thought and belief concerning which there is basic agreement; to keep open lines of communication and convey some sense of unity in Israel.

The type of fragmentation referred to is precisely what the far seeing founders of Associated were endeavoring to avoid when they emphasized the importance of Jewish unity and respect for all views in Jewish life as part of the educational philosophy of Associated.

EFFORTS REWARDED

Over the years, this writer has observed with keen interest the impact of the development of Associated upon the lives of individuals and its effects upon the community by virtue of the educational services which benefited so many thousands of the youth.

Fostering of commitment and self-indentification are imponderables difficult to measure with any degree of scientific precision. Nor does this article profess to be such a study. But the writer does know of prominent community-leaders, of many rabbis serving Jewish communities who are graduates of Associated. He knows of Jewish scholars whose initial steps on the road of Jewish knowledge were taken at this school. He knows of many former students of the school who now are active in various fields of Jewish endeavor. He is encouraged especially by the presence on the Board of Directors of Associated of an emerging group of young adults who are serving now their Alma Mater in the capacity of lay leaders, who have retained an interest in Jewish learning, in Jewish books and in everything valuable in Judaism. He derives no less satisfaction from the fact that some of the school's graduates are active on the boards of other Jewish schools for this is ceptance and practice of the Klal Yisroel ideal by the students.

The majority of former students now living in Metro Toronto have taken their place as members of the community. They are in the professions, in industry and commerce; they are busy carving careers in their chosen field of endeavor, building and caring for families. But the lives of all have been touched, their horizons broadened, their spirits infused and illuminated by their educational experience at Associated.

AFFILIATED CONGREGATION

The physical growth of Associated has kept pace with the numerical growth of the Jewish population. The network of branches of Associated is widespread, serving many areas plus the increasing educational needs of a growing Jewish community. A number of congregations have linked their educational efforts with Associated in whole or in part. Among these are Shaarei Shomayim, Beth Emeth Bais Yehuda and Beth Sholom. Initial steps in this direction also have been taken by the newly formed congregation, Beth Tikvah.

NEW SITE ON FINCH AVE

Associated is celebrating its Diamond Jubilee in characteristic fashion by having obtained a splendid site on Finch Avenue where initial services will be provided this fall and where eventually another fine link in the golden chain of Associated schools will be established. This geographical expansion is cause for satisfaction.

Jewish education may not be the remedy to all the ills that beset modern Jewry and Judaism; Jewish education undoubtedly is the major factor and contributor to our continuity and survival. Because of this, we state in all humility as we examine our past record in this year of our Diamond Jubilee 1966-67 that we of the Associated Hebrew Schools of Toronto are greatly heartened by the continued growth of this fine Jewish community school system; we are proud of our contribution to the advancement of Jewish education in the community.

PARTNERS IN A SACRED TASK

In the final analysis, an institution is people - people who have united to preserve and advance ideas and ideals they deem of value to themselves and others.

When this writer thinks of the many parents, Board members and teachers who by their selfless work and devotion contributed to the success of our schools, he feels a prominent place of honor also must be given the Parents' Association of the Day School, the Evening Schools and the Women's Auxiliary. To these staunch supporters, assiduous workers and dedicated parents, we are all indebted and grateful.

May the cultivation of Torah, knowledge and idealism, and the impression of them upon the minds and hearts of the oncoming generations, continue to be the primary objective of all of us.

KEEP SMILING

SAVED IN TIME

Golf was an obsession with Gertrude but unfortunately the only golf club near her home was a restricted one.

Her name sounded more German than Jewish and she wanted to see if she would be accepted. She passed.

Everything went on alright till one day while playing with three of the other girls, she swung and missed. Without thinking, she yelled,

"Oy, gevalt!" and smiling sweetly she added, "Whatever that means!"

NOT ENOUGH POISON

Said the irate Mrs. Schwartz to the desk clerk at the resort hotel:

"Make up my bill because I'm checking out!"

"Is something wrong?" the clerk wanted to know.

"Plenty is wrong! The food here. . .it's like poison! And such small portions yet!"

CHEWING THE RAG

Two women sat on the porch of a seaside hotel. Said one to the other:

"Mine watch stopped going just before I came here so I took it back to Tiffany to be repaired. If you'll be so kindly, would you mind telling me what time it is on your watch?"

"Certainly! It's exactly five rubies after seven diamonds!"

HIGH HOPES

Jake wept at his wife's funeral. But Max their boarder was absolutely broken up and cried hysterically.

Jake consoled him. "Max don't take it so hard. I'll get married soon again."

Sermon of the week

GUESTS OF GOD

Most of to-morrow's Sidra will deal with the laws of the use and tenure of the land of Israel, of which the underlying principle was that no man had an absolute right of ownership in the land he possessed. His ownership was rather a trusteeship with which God had invested him.

The Torah expresses this thought graphically and picturesquely: "The land shall not be sold in perpetuity: for the land is Mine: for ye are strangers and sojourners with Me". The earth is the Lord's and His people hold their land, as it were, on lease from Him; or, expressing the figure even more graphically, the world is God's house, in which we, the inhabitants, are strangers, sojourners, guests.

This, that we are God's guests, is a fruitful concept and as valuable a foundation for the moral life as Kant's categorical imperative. It means that our share in the good things of the world is not ours by right, but God's grace and favour.

It means that, like good guests, we have to accept thankfully what we are given, and not help ourselves; that we have no right to be demanding or churlish or resentful. It means that we have to consider the comfort and welfare of the other guests as much as we should like them to consider ours.

And we are not the only guests. There are thousands of millions of guests like us who have the same status and the same rights and privileges as we have in God's house; and countless guests have gone before us and countless will come after us. Who then are we to demand special privileges and special favours?

Like guests, as well, our stay is limited and its length dependent, not on ourselves, but on our Host; and again like guests, or at least honest guests, we take nothing with us at the end of our stay.

This is one side of the picture, emphasising man's status as a dependent creature, his transience, his unimportance. The other side is movingly expressed in Psalm 39. There the Psalmist, recalling the phrases of the Torah, describes himself as "a stranger with Thee, a sojourner as all my fathers were".

But the intention now is to remind God that He, too, has obligations — the obligations of a host to his guests — and the thought that he is a guest in God's house gives the Psalmist hope and comfort as he prays: "Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give heed to my cry; keep not silence at my tears".

We are God's guests. Let us then so conduct ourselves that, when we depart this house of God, we shall leave behind us, not the sigh of relief that speeds the parting of guests who have outstayed their welcome, but a memory of the warmth and kindleness and comfort which we brought to our fellow guests in this world, and that we may receive a welcome in God's next house as warm as the good cheer which we brought to this.

THE LIVELY ARTS • theater, film, music • by D. Cohn

CLEAR AS LOVE – Howard Keel and Barbara Lang, who star in, On A Clear Day You Can See Forever, at Toronto's O'Keefe Center, Monday, May 22nd, through Saturday, June 3rd.

• Israeli film star Dahlia Levi gave birth to a son in London. Father is 24-year-old John Sullivan, now in Hollywood, whom she married soon after his divorce. The baby is named Reuven.

• Playwright Elmer Rice who died last Monday at the age of 74 was Jewish. His name was Elmer Reizenstein. He was born in New York. His Street Scene won the 1929 Pulitzer Prize.

• Vanessa Redgrave has completed her starring role as Queen Guenevere in Warner Bros. "Camelot". She has left for Europe to attend the Cannes Film Festival.

• Producer David Merrick thinks that Expo '67 is an exhibition that will go down in history as the show for which the most lavish praise wouldn't do justice. He is impressed by Expo's daring and determination not to be another New York Fair.

In his opinion, the Metropolitan Opera is the best in the world - better than La Scala. He thinks that Toronto's O'Keefe Center is "a cold theater".

• In Hollywood, Ernest Lehman, who has written the script for and will produce the movie version of Hello Dolly!, said he could not divulge the terms of the deal between 20th Century-Fox and 24-year-old Barbra Streisland who has been assigned the star role. However he added that the contract presented "the largest single film deal in film history with a performer who has never before appeared in a motion picture."

As far as Columbia Pictures is concerned, the "complicated deal" for the part of Fanny Brice in Funny Girl, which Barbra will play, involves "a salary, recordings and a percentage of the film's receipts (and) potentially could bring her more than a million dollars." The movie will go before the cameras in Hollywood in July; William Wyler will direct for Ray Stark, producer.

Lehman said he chose Miss Streisand "because I'm convinced she's one of the most exciting talents to come along in the recent past and I know she'll be perfect for the role."

Currently Carol Channing is appearing in Dolly! at Expo '67 in Montreal.

The budget for the film version of Hello Dolly! is about ten million dollars. Filming could be started "late this year or early in January or February. It will be shot on location in the Hudson Valley in New York and at the studio in Hollywood. No director has been assigned as yet.

• Ray Heindorf will be music director of the Warner Bros. motion picture production Finian's Rainbow, which stars Fred Astaire, Petula Clark and Tommy Steele.

• Conductor Otto Klemperer is in Israel. Tomorrow he will conduct the Kol Yisrael Orchestra in a benefit concert at Binyenei Ha'ooma. Proceeds of the concert will go to the Hebrew University. Klemperer will not receive any payment for his appearance.

Klemperer, 82, last was in Israel fifteen years ago.

• In Stratford, Ontario, director John Hirsch, credited by critics for the successful mounting of Brecht's Galileo, is busy directing Alan Bates in Richard III, for the Canadian Shakespeare Festival.

Though his voice sounds like an Irish tenor, he is a Hungarian Jew. Thirty-six years old, Hirsch hasn't "stopped working for fifteen years and I never do anything that I don't want to do very much." He doesn't like to stage plays he has seen or done himself before. "I don't like to do things twice."

Hirsch was thirteen when he managed by chance to avoid a concentration camp crematory. He is not exactly satisfied with his success with Galileo, but he claims that's not unusual - he's never convinced he's gotten everything possible out of a script.

Hirsch has "a great respect for audiences. People who pay to see a play should be able to hear and know what the play is about." He says that talent in New York "needs to be given the chance, and actors must begin to think in terms of deeper and more intensive training. Besides, it's disgraceful that a city like New York doesn't have three repertory theatres."

• The motion picture version of Bel Kaufman's best selling Up the Down Staircase will be released nationally July 1st.

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Beginning this coming Monday, for two weeks, till June 3rd, On A Clear Day You Can See Forever, the Alan Jay Lerner-Burton Lane musical, will be presented at O'Keefe Center. Howard Keel stars.

The show deals with a psychiatrist and offbeat young lady whose ESP powers can unravel past future; she somehow gets involved with the 18th century.

FREE CONCERTS

Until June 16th, lunchtime means concert time Mondays through Fridays (except May 22nd and 25th) in the main lounge at O'Keefe Centre. This exciting diversion is free to the public; they can even buy lunch.

BERGMAN AT CREST

As a result of the tremendous public response to its first Bergman Festival last March and the many requests for a revival of the most outstanding films of the noted master, the Crest Theater will present the Bergman Encore: Ingmar Bergman Film Festival, playing now through next Thursday, May 25th.

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LONNIE JOHNSON BACK

Lonnie Johnson, one of the greatest jazz guitarists and blues singers, is appearing Upstairs at Castle George till tomorrow, May 20th. He is back by popular request.

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The Los Vegas, recorded on Columbia and returning to the Hook and Ladder Club of the Beverly Hills Motor Hotel, comes directly from the Americana in Puerto Rico, beginning Monday, May 22nd.

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HEBREW LECTURE

Toronto's Keren Hatarbut, the Canadian Association for Hebrew Education and Culture, will present a lecture in Hebrew this coming Sunday evening, May 21st, 8:30 p.m. in the Jerusalem Hall of the Zionist Center.

Chaim Bar-Shai, Israel Consul for Economic Affairs, is guest lecturer. Theme: Israel's Economic Prospects.

ART EXHIBITION AND SALE

The Parents Association of The Toronto Hebrew Day School will hold an art exhibition and sale of outstanding Canadian and Israeli sculpture and paintings, Thursday, June 1st through Thursday June 8th at the school, 3630 Bathurst Street, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

The rebirth of Israel has swept artists into a frenzy of creation. Now after more than half a millenium, Jewish artists paint again the classic scenes of Jerusalem and Hebron; they express the Orient and Occident, Ancient and Modern in palettes that are vibrant and gay, They delight in the natural beauty of the land and the school is proud to exhibit their work: 'Melitta'; Ruth Horam; David Handler; Reuvin Rubin; Jacob Steinhardt.

Two parents of children attending the Associated Day School, May Marx and Y. Podesva also will exhibit works of art.

May Marx studied at the Ontario College of Art and at the Artists' Workshop. She has many shows in both Quebec and Ontario. In addition to several bronzes, Mrs. Marx will display an impressive sculpture in plaster called, Survivor.

Yehuda Podesva was born in Poland into an artistic family (his father and brother were painters of note). He studied with many famous Polish and German teachers. In Toronto since 1948, he has held one-man shows at the Tygeson and Pollock Galleries in 1965 and 1966.

Other Canadian artists represented are Joe Rosenthal, Johnny Friedlander, Linda Appell, Raymond Chow, Gordon Melamed, George Fargie, O.S.A., Pat Fleischer and Thomas Chatfield.

Mr. Sobot of the Sobot Gallery (which represents many of these artists) has assisted in assembling the show and has obtained for the school's display a unique and most moderately priced series of Chagall lithographs entitled, The Bible.

A preview sale and sherry party will be held at 8:30 P.M. on Thursday, June 1st, admission $1.00.

Mrs. Naomi Freudmann (RU. 7-9233) is convenor.

INSPIRATION IN WALNUT – A sculpture in walnut by Israeli-born Haim Riback. Born in B'nai Braq, Riback first learned woodcarving from his grandfather. Later he graduated from the well known Bazalel School of Art in Jerusalem. In Canada since 1965, he works as a sculptor and creates models for exhibitions. His most recent is The Human Cell, on exhibition at Expo '67.

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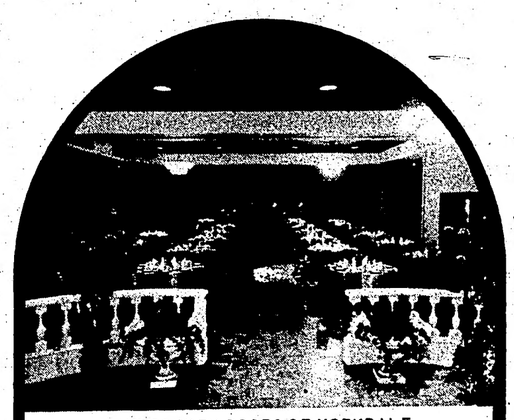

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MEMORIAL

The Association of Survivors of Nazi Oppression held its 22nd anniversary Liberation Memorial Rally last Sunday morning. The Hon. Paul Martin, Secretary of State for External Affairs, and Gen. Jean V. Allard, Chief of Staff, Canadian Armed Forces, were guest speakers.

Lou Zablow is president; Paul Goldstein, chairman of national executive.

MAN OF THE YEAR

Henry Blatt, Montreal industrialist, has been named Man of the Year 1967, as was announced by Samuel Bronfman, president, State of Israel Bonds.

A dinner will be held in Mr. Blatt's honor at the Queen Elizabeth this coming Sunday. Drew Pearson will be guest speaker.

DINNER

The opening dinner of the Hebrew Academy Education Maintenance Fund was held yesterday at the Adath Israel Auditorium. Allan Bronfman was guest speaker.

General co-chairmen of the annual campaign are Messrs. Joel Sternthal and Jacob M. Lowy. Special names co-chairmen are Gordon Brown, Barney Pollack.

The Hebrew Academy has an enrolment of close to 650 children. The campaign seeks to raise $155,000 to cover annual deficits.

Rabbi Charles Bender and Rabbi Dr. Mendell Lewittes are honorary chairmen of the Board of Education. Director is Rabbi Chaim Feuerman.

TRIBUTE

Recently the Jewish community paid tribute to the memory of Mr. and Mrs. J. Julius Block who were killed in an airplane crash last March.

Block was president of the Jewish General Hospital and a board member of Allied Jewish community Services. Mrs. Block was a vice president of AJCS and president of the Women's Federation of AJCS, as well as having held other honorary positions.

In tribute to their memory, the Allied Jewish Community Services has established a Block Memorial Scholarship awarded annually to a Montreal student entering a recognized graduate school of social work. The Women's Auxiliary of the Jewish General Hospital will award a scholarship in their memory annually to a graduate of the School of Nursing for post-graduate studies at McGill.

An amphitheater now under construction at the hospital will be dedicated as a lasting memorial to Mr. and Mrs. Block.

MEETING

Congregation Beth-El Sisterhood held its closing general meeting at Expo last Wednesday. Program included a lunch at the Hospitality Pavilion and a tour of Habitat and Thailand Pavilion.

BUSINESS MEET

Sisterhood of Congregation Beth Ora held an election and general business meeting last evening at the synagogue.

ANNUAL MEET

At the annual meeting last week of the Junior Jewish Welfare League, Mrs. Isaac Schwartz, president, said that a total of 19,500 hours of volunteer service to the community was given last year by members of the League.

A centennial celebration will be held tomorrow evening.

New executive is: Mrs. Schwartz, president; Mrs. Don Boyaner, honorary president; Mesdames Irwin Browns, Daniel S. Miller, Howard Shiller, Edward Van Zaig, vice presidents; Mrs. Gerald Sheiner, recording secretary; Mrs. Arthur Levitt, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Mark Berkowitz, treasurer; Mrs. Jack Rubenstein, nominating chairman.

CARD PARTY

A card party sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary Reddy Memorial Hospital was held recently. Mrs. Louis Kay was ticket convenor; Mesdames Herman Levin and Samuel Brinker, co-chairman. Buffet supper was served.

GENERAL MEET

Beth Israel Sisterhood of Cote St. Luc held a general meeting last monday night. Plans were formulated for its next program which will include an open discussion; What's Your Beef? Mrs. Irving Weiss, president, will preside.

CLOSING LUNCH

Adath Israel Sisterhood held its closing luncheon last Tuesday. Conveners were Mesdames N. Bierbrier and A. Dalfen.

A play will be presented, written and directed by Marilyn Karpman.

CLOSING MEET

The closing meeting of the Women's Division, Canadian Technion, took place recently in the Community Hall of Temple Emmanu-El. Lieut-Col. Dov Sinai, Israeli consul general, was guest speaker.

SHOWER

The Minnie Cohen Chapter of the Society for Emotionally Disturbed Children held its annual money shower, food fair and miniature bazaar at the Spanish and Portuguese Synagogue, last Tuesday. Mesdames Lilly Freidman and Polly Smiley were co-conveners.

Proceeds go to the society for further research into the problem of mental illness in children, in conjunction with the Department of Psychiatry of the Montreal Children's Hospital.

RECEPTION

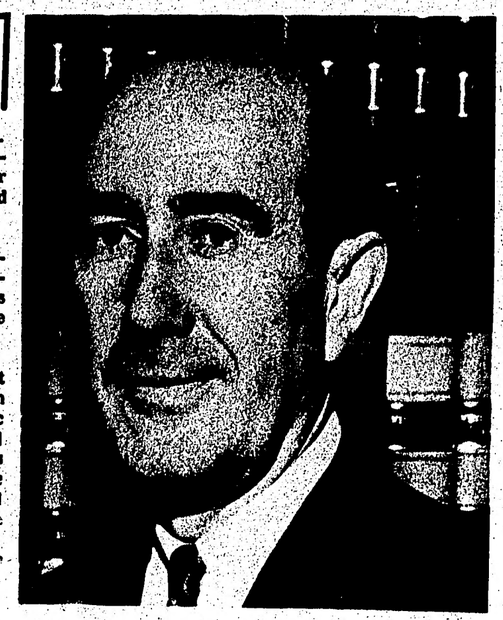
The Canada Israel Cultural Foundation, under the patronage of Yaacov Yannai, Commissioner General of the Israel Pavilion, held a reception for artists of the Cameri Theater of Israel last Tuesday.

TEA

Sisterhood of the Chevra Thilim Pinsker Kinyan Torah held a mother-daughter tea last Monday evening. Slides of Israel were shown; Mrs. Jack Kofsky commentated.

SISTERHOOD MEET

Beth Zion Sisterhood will have a general meeting on Monday afternoon, May 23rd. Rabbi Sidney Shoham will install the following officers: Mrs. Alex Slapcoff, president; Mesdames Sol Berger, Abe Stein, Samuel Ungar, vice presidents; Mrs. Moze Kravitz, treasurer; Mrs. Sydney Strulovitch, recording secretary; Mrs. Alex Diamond, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Lou Goldstein, financial secretary; Mrs. Sydney Raphael, social secretary; Mesdames Harry Kramer, Max Wollock, Sydney Strulovitch, Nathan Shuster, Moe Levitt, Dave Ornstein, honorary advisors.



WILL ADDRESS ANNUAL DINNER MEETING — Mr. Justice Samuel Freedman, member of the Manitoba Court of Appeal and Chancellor of the University of Manitoba, who will speak at the annual dinner meeting of the Toronto Chapter, Canadian Friends of the Hebrew University, on Tuesday, June 20th, at Holy Blossom Temple.

Mr. Justice Freedman, president of the Winnipeg Chapter of the Canadian Friends, is described by Dr. Ralph Halbert, Toronto Chapter president, as one of Canada's outstanding orators who has addressed meetings in major cities of Canada, the United States, Great Britain, Israel and South Africa.

JAVITS

by Drew Pearson

The strongest opposition to Nelson Rockefeller as candidate for President is coming, not from his bitter Republican foe Barry Goldwater, but from his friend Jacob Javits, the liberal Republican from New York.

Most people don't know it, but after Maryland's Gov. Sipro Agnew sent up the first trial balloon for Rockefeller, Javits burned up the wires to the statehouse in Annapolis.

In high excitement, Javits insisted Rockefeller was not a candidate, and urged Agnew to drop the Rockefeller-for-President idea. The moderates should unite, said Javits, around Michigan's Gov. George Rommey.

Inside reason for Javits' action is that he is anxious to be the first Jew in history to become vice President of the U.S. If Rockefeller should be nominated Javits would be out, because two New Yorkers could not run on the same ticket.

Knowing this, Sen. Javits played his cards very astutely. He began making noises about running for governor of New York himself. This was before Nelson had made up his mind whether to run for a third term.

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Finally the two Republicans, always good friends, got together. Nelson suggested Javits stop nudging him for governor, and Javits, in turn, made a frank confession that he wanted to run for Vice President. He was willing to support Rockefeller for governor if Rockefeller would support him for Vice President.

Rockefeller agreed. According to Javits' friends, he also made a "sacred pledge" that he would put his money on Gov. George Romney of Michigan, thus giving the Republicans a well balanced ticket - Midwesterner for President and a New Yorker for Vice President.

Rockefeller's most able professional, Leonard Hall, then took over the Romney campaign, and Rockefeller was emphatic both in private and in public about his determination not to run for President.

Recently, however, the "sacred deal" appears not too sacred after all. Two things have happened. LBJ's ratings have dropped, and Rockefeller admirers, led by Gov. Agnew, have cooled toward Romney after personal exposure.

The Maryland governor is now trying to persuade Rockefeller to change his mind.

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Meanwhile, Javits, who has a fine record in Congress, has had some sour reaction from some Jewish leaders because of his championing Gen. Julius Klein, close friend of Sen. Tom Dodd, in the argument over a $75,000,000 contract with Rheinmetall for a 20 mm. gun for the U.S. armed forces.

Klein, a Chicago public relations man, acted as the paid agent for Rheinmetall even though that company had used slave labor during the war and had refused to make restitution to survivors of those horrible concentration camps.

But Klein, though a former commander of the Jewish War Veterans, protested that the company was "innocent of such charges as have been alleged." The Jewish War Veterans, in turn, threatened to expel him.

And even though the Senate Ethics Committee had already begun its probe of Klein and Dodd, Javits wrote Klein this letter:

"Within the context of your representation of West German business concerns and individuals - which is itself a matter of your business judgment and your personal disposition and not for me to pass on - I feel you have done your utmost to secure justice for the victims of Nazism and a measure of reparation through aid to Israel."

Many wonder what Klein did to get Javits to write such a letter at the very time Klein was under investigation by the Ethics Committee.

Mr. Pearson's column appeared originally in the New York Post.

DESECRATION

Duesseldorf (JCNS) - Police are inquiring into the desecration of the old Jewish cemetery in the village of Neustadt am Ruebenberge in Lower Saxony. A total of 22 tombstones were overturned and many of these were destroyed. The cemetery was desecrated some years ago and it was restored by the local West German authorities.

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SIGNS OF SPRING

by Ruthie

Never mind the weather. Never mind that in this month of May the temperature is under fifty. Never mind that I'm not too hot in my lightweight winter coat. Never mind that the kids don't protest when I yell after them to button up.

It is spring. Definitely.

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Regardless everything, by me it's spring because the weeds out front are in full bloom. I can't recall when they ever looked better. The bushes aren't "bushing", the leaves aren't "leaying". But the stink weeds are basking in the sun. The lawn is so densely covered, you can't tell if the grass is green or yellow.

And I'm a familiar sight in the neighborhood as I go about on all fours pulling out the clusters as fast as they rear their heads.

Believe me, it's a job keeping up. Sometimes I feel it's useless —they spring up behind as I crawl forward.

Spraying does no good as far as I'm concerned. Somehow the chemical eludes the core. So it's hide and seek between me and the weeds.

Yes, it's spring.

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It's also spring because I'm dieting like mad to make up for my **fressing**(gorging) all winter. My brood, bless their murderous little hearts, are nagging me to go to an athletic center.

"Do I look that bad?"

"Well, there's plenty of room for improvement." Nice, encouraging monsters.

So I'm doing knee-bends at home when nobody sees. I'm afraid if I do calisthenics in the open, everybody'll laugh. So I'll consider the proposition after I lose twenty pounds at least, amen. I don't mind looking like half-a-ton. But a whole ton! I'm not that courageous.

Yes, it's spring.

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It's spring because I can notice everything in the house I tried to ignore.

Like, for instance, the windows. Do they need a cleaning!

All winter I figured, heck! It's raining, it's nasty, it's snowing, it will rain, it will snow. A **navayra** (sin) the energy trying to make them shine. They'll look blah anyway, so why waste time?

I can't remember how long is it since I've sprayed the cellar and window sills. Of course I'm a good **bahlabusta** (housewife). But this time of year I'm always afraid of the outside bugs. They have a genius for finding every nook and cranny.

Yes, it's spring.

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It's spring because Mama is wearing a new **fartekh** (apron). Not that she doesn't always wear one, but this has flowers all over it. Maybe, she says, it'll help the spring feeling along.

I don't understand how she can limp around so spry when the **hent oon feese** (hands and feet) are killing me from arthritis, not wishing it on you.

When the weather shows drastic signs of change, the rheumatism gets me.

Yes, it's spring.

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It's spring because the kids have begun to study for their finals. It doesn't matter if it freezes outside. There's a curriculum and a schedule must be met.

And it effects you.

Khutch (at least) walk on the ceiling. Because with every step you take, it's, "Ma, quiet!".

Wood's burning; genius is at work.

You wouldn't mind if you could at least **shepp nakhes** (get pleasure). It would be worth the torture you go through if they came out with a ninety-five average.

But they're not gluttons, they don't aim that high. They're glad they pass — and so am I. At least it's easier to breathe again.

Yes, it's spring.

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toronto women's news

MOTHER-DAUGHTER EVE

Beth Jacob Sisterhood held its annual mother-daughter evening last Wednesday at Beth Emeth-Bais Yehuda Synagogue. Dr. Y. Caplan, psychiatrist, was guest speaker. Theme: Psychiatry and the Jew.

LUNCHEON

Minnie Etlin Chapter, Mizrachi-Hapoel Hamizrachi Women, held a fund-raising luncheon at the home of Mrs. Philip Tarnow recently.

Mr. and Mrs. N. Schwartz were honored on their golden wedding anniversary by having their names inscribed in the Golden Book in Israel.

A desk and chair also were donated in their honor to the Bar Sheba project.

Mrs. Devor spoke of her trip to Israel. Mrs. Lil Tarnow presided in the absence of president Mrs. Rose Tarshis.

DINNER MEET

Clanton Park Sisterhood will hold a dinner meeting marking the close of its season, on Wednesday, May 24th. Mrs. Eleanor Brown, an interior decorating consultant, will speak on: Color Flair in Furnishing. The Congregation's new brides will be honored.

TEA

Nahalal Chapter, Hadassah, will hold its centennial tea at the home of Mrs. Ben Walker, Tuesday afternoon, June 6th. Tupperware will be on display; also a special door prize will be featured.

TORAH TEA

Recently B'nai Israel Beth David Sisterhood held its Torah tea at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cohen.

CELEBRATION

Pioneer Women celebrated its first year of independence Wednesday at Sharrei Shomayim Synagogue. This coincided with Canada's centennial celebration and was the theme of the 43rd annual donors' dinner.

Alan Rose of Montreal addressed the organization; Judith Lebane sang.

MOTHERS DAY LUNCH

B'nai Israel Beth David Sisterhood held its annual Mothers Day Luncheon and election meeting last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Sam Shulman, president, chaired the meeting. Mrs. Rubin Marks read the d'var Torah. Mrs. Syd Brody, donor chairman, reported on the donor dinner which takes place next Thursday. Mrs. Theodore Bloom, nominations chairman, presented the slate of officers for the coming year; elections followed.

Naomi Bell sang. Mrs. Ben Kramer was program chairman.

CLOSING MEET

Jewish Home for the Aged and Baycrest Hospital held its closing luncheon-meeting Wednesday at Beth Tzedec. Senator David Croll was guest speaker.

GENERAL MEET

A general meeting of Shaarei Tefillah Sisterhood was held Wednesday, May 10th. Mrs. Seaman and Jean Bellack were thanked for bringing the Sisterhood list up to date. Rose Goldstein was welcomed back from Israel. Norma Zeldin distributed tickets for the draw to be held next season.

Guest Dr. Allen Ross presented slides; he was introduced and thanked by Norma Zeldin. Sisterhood donated a Humash to the Synagogue in his name, in appreciation. Refreshments were served.

New slate of officers: Mrs. B. Rosensweig, chaplain; Ida Starkman, Syrma Kochberg, Helen Fishbane, past presidents; Sue Magder, immediate past president; Evelyn Sugar, president; Tillie Miskin, 1st vice president; Marjory Raskin, 2nd vice president; Mildred Scheff, 3rd vice president; Molly Halberstadt, recording secretary; Tillie Rosenberg, corresponding secretary; Anne Goodman, financial secretary; Beatrice Moskowitz, dues. Board: Jean Bellack; Sally Berman; Lil Cogan; Ann Grafstein; Faye Handler; Minna Hirsch; Sadie Jacobs; Hettie Josephs; Bell Mernick; Bess Millstone; Fagie Plonka; Fran Polishuke; Mary Raskin; Fay Rosensweig; Fanny Ross; Phyllis Sugar; Esther van de Sluis; Goldie Wolfe; Norma Zeldin; Sylvia Zeifman.

ANNUAL TEA

Sisterhood of Torath Emeth Jewish Center, Viewmount, will hold a tea this coming Sunday afternoon at the home of Mrs. J. Silver. Mrs. E. Mandel is president.

CONVENERS

Conveners of the auction sale which will take place Sunday evening, May 21st, at 1 Viewmount, sponsored by Women's Auxiliary of Ner Israel Yeshiva College, are Mesdames M. Braun and M. Buxbaum.

The Mystery Draw will be held.

Among the committee members of the project are Mesdames D. Cohen, E.H. Cooperman, B. Goodman, M. Grubner, J. Reich, M. Grafstein, W. Schwartz.

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ELECTION-MEET

● Adath Israel Brotherhood annual election and breakfast meeting took place last Sunday, preceded by services at 9:00 a.m.

● The Congregational School will hold graduation exercises Thursday evening, May 25th. Program will feature: step by step, dramatic reading by the graduates of the elementary department; role of Jewish youth today, presentations by the graduates of the high school department; musical renditions.

Dr. George Starr is chairman of the school committee; W. Z. Bloom, director of education and youth.

ELECTIONS

Nominations and election of officers of B'nai Torah Brotherhood took place recently. The following are in office for the coming term: Marvin Kravetsky, president; Irving Feder, 1st vice president; Barney Green, 2nd vice president; Pesach Halberstadt, secretary; David Rosensweig, treasurer; Gerald Barren, sergeant at arms.

Formal election of officers will take place Sunday morning, June 4th, following morning services.

MEET

Young congregants of Holy Blossom held its annual meeting last evening. Rabbi Michael Stroh and Dr. Lionel P. Solursh discussed: Yorkville and LSD.

CONVENTION

Delegates of American and Canadian Hebrew day schools convened this weekend in Greenfield Park, New York. The conference is sponsored by the National Society for Hebrew Day Schools, an affiliate of Torah Umesorah, pioneer agency for establishing and servicing Hebrew day schools throughout the U.S. and Canada.

ATTEND CONFAB

Rabbis from five Conservative synagogues in Metro Toronto will attend the annual convention of the Rabbinical Assembly in Washington, D.C. May 28th through June 1st. They are: Rabbi Michael Celniker, Beth Torah; Rabbi Melvin L. Libman, Hebrew Men of England Congregation; Rabbi Albert Pappenheim, B'nai Israel Beth David; Rabbi Stuart E. Rosenberg, Beth Tzedec; Rabbi Erwon Schild, Adath Israel Congregation.

Rabbi Eli Bohnen is president of the Rabbinical Assembly.

MEETING

Adath Israel Seniors' Club will hold a meeting Tuesday afternoon, May 23rd.

EXHIBIT

In honor of Israel's 19th independence anniversary, the Toronto Jewish Public Library is displaying Israeli handwork, art and a rare stamp collection, through June 13th.

Co-chairmen are Mrs. Rose Dolgoff and Julius Marcus; Dr. Israel Frankel is executive director.

SPOKE

● Rabbi Albert Pappenheim, spiritual leader of B'nai Israel Beth David, was guest speaker at a Brotherhood election meeting Tuesday evening.

● The Congregational election meeting was held last evening. Movies of the recent centennial citation dinner was shown as well as a film, The Third Temple.

● Recently the youth group sponsored a program for the Congregation in memory of those who died in the Warsaw Ghetto uprising. A memorial script was read by Debbie Greengarten, USY president, Nancy Gertzbein, immediate past president, and Marsha Stein.

● The Couples Club presented recently, The Child in the Shadow, a symposium on mental retardation in children. Panelists were Carolyn B. Singer, M. S. W. group counselor, Metro Toronto Association for RE-tarded Children, Lucy Mctarded Children, Lucy McCormack, supervising principal for the schools of Metro Toronto Retarded Children's Education Authority, and S. J. Koegler, M. D., D.C.H. Superintendent of Mental Retardation Center.

● Last Friday BIBD held its annual Mothers Day service. Mrs. Sam Shulman, Sisterhood president, made the blessing over the candles. Sam Bloom, Brotherhood president, opened the ark. Gabriel Lourie, Consul of Israel, brought greetings. BIBD choir sang; Rabbi Albert Pappenheim and Cantor Dave Greengarten conducted the service.

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NEW CAMPAIGN DIRECTOR. - Edwin Alexander, who is the new campaign director of Toronto's United Jewish Appeal. He comes from Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas, where he acquired much experience in fundraising activities.

A native New Yorker and graduate of the College of the City of New York, Alexander's last position was that of National Development Director of the Levi Memorial National Arthritis Hospital in Hot Springs National Park. Much of his experience has been on a supervisory and consulting basis. His many successes have taken him through most of the major metropolitan areas of the United States. He initiated a million-dollar project for the creation of a Chicago building at the Hebrew University School of Education; he served as consultant to the Fairleigh-Dickinson University and to the long range programing of Roosevelt University with a goal of $16.5 million; he is former associate editor of the U.S Army newspaper, The Roundup, in the China-Burma-India area.

Having traveled extensively, Alexander began his association in the Jewish community with the Jewish Federation of Metropolitan Chicago; he was responsible for the annual subscription program for the local agencies and the United Building Fund, after a brief term with the Combined Jewish Appeal.

He is married, father of two children.

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION ENDS BIGGEST DRIVE

A pleasant highlight of the 1967 Toronto United Jewish Appeal Campaign has been the added donations of the Construction Division.

The Division has obtained the greatest 1967 increased percentage on cards canvassed over last year as well as many new gifts. Co-chairmen Joe Berman, George Goldlist, Nat Silver and Harry Gorman held report meetings every Sunday; the Division became a closely-knit group. Thus they were able to attain an increase of $89,-000 or approximately thirty percent more than the 1966 figure.

There still remain some outstanding pledge cards. The co-chairmen have planned an allout drive during the next two weeks to clean up.

On Wednesday, May 24th, the Construction Division will hold its closing affair at the Ambassador Health Club. All UJA Construction Division workers are invited to attend anytime from 4:30 p.m.

Awards will be given outstanding workers of the Division. In appreciation of a job well done, the co-chairmen will present a gift to each Construction Division worker.

CHECK FOR UJA - Mrs. L. Drew, president of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Lodzer Center, presents a check to Milton Graff, member of the UJA Study Mission to Europe. Graff, president of Beth Tzedec Men's Club, spoke about his recent mission and referred to the increasing needs for assistance.

The annual contribution of the Ladies' Auxiliary is made towards the various projects sponsored by the Toronto United Jewish Appeal.

BLUE BOXES IN HOMES

Hamilton (JCN) - On April 23rd, members of the Upsilon Lambda Phi Sorority, Alpha Phi Pi Fraternity, Upsilon Lambda Phi Fraternity and Beth Jacob United Synagogue Youth, in conjunction with Hamilton's Jewish National Fund Council, undertook to place and exchange Blue Boxes in Jewish homes here.

Income from this drive is the highest per capita of Jewish population in all Canada. Its success is due to many factors: the hard work and efficient organization of the Blue Box chairman, Albert Minden; the willing assistance of a large corps of drivers; the warmhearted response of more than seven hundred Blue Box workers; the dedication and enthusiasm of the Jewish youth of Hamilton who comprised the volunteers collectors.

This semiannual collection provides a meaningful and educational program for the city's Jewish youth. It enables them to create a living link with the land of Israel, thereby deriving a sense of commitment and identity with their Jewish heritage.

KUSSEVITZKY COMING HERE

Those of the Toronto Jewish community who have supported the city's United Jewish Appeal with a pledge to the 1967 campaign will have the pleasure of hearing Cantor David Kussevitsky, one of the foremost interpretors of liturgical music, in concert, Thursday, June 8th, erev Rosh Hodesh.

Sponsored by the Synagogue Council Division of the United Jewish Appeal, the event will take place at the Shaarei Shomayim Synagogue (Glencairn and Bathurst.)

Jack Freedman, Q.C., will serve as chairman.

Tickets for this Kussevitsky concert, which will prove to be a delightful, unforgettable experience, are available through the Synagogue Council chairman of each respective synagogue. They can be obtained only through the 1967 pledge, the sole form of admission. There still is time for those who wish to avail themselves of the offer.

HISTADRUT DISMISSES FIVE OFFICIALS

Tel Aviv (JCNS) - In one of the most dramatic meetings since its foundation 40 years ago, the Central Committee of the Histadrut, the General Labour Federation, has unanimously approved the dismissal of five leading officials employed by its economic enterprises.

The motion for the dismissal, which was moved by the secretary general, Mr. Aharon Becker, on the recommendation of the control commission, alleges that the five were unworthy of public trust.

The question of whether any legal action should be taken against these five officials is now under discussion and a decision is expected soon. It was thanks to the press that, following an inquiry into the affairs of the Feuchtwanger Bank, the facts were disclosed.

Although it took the control commission only a few weeks to deal with the matter and the central committee acted swiftly and effectively, the circumstances revealed have created serious doubts about the effectiveness of control on officials of Histadrut financial institutions and enterprises.

The officials who have been dismissed are: Dr. Samuel Raif, director of Gmul (pension fund); Mr. Menahem Yam-Shahor, a member of the management committee of Bank Hapoalim (Workers' Bank); Mr. Moshe Shmueli, the treasurer of Yakhin-Hakal (the Histadrut citrus contracting company); Mr. Isser Piekarsky, the chief accountant of the same company, and its secretary-general, Mrs. Clara Rongil.

A group of Yakhin-Hakal employees, headed by Mr. Piekarsky and Mrs. Rongil, formed a company, named Sa'fa, which acquired citrus groves. It was largely financed by Yakhin-Hakal funds. By March 31, 1967, it owed over 235,000 pounds and obtained further funds from Gmul, Bank Hapoalim and the Zerubavel Bank which were apparently intended for Yakhin-Hakal.

It was at this stage that the other officials dismissed by the Histadrut allegedly became involved. For some time, Sa'fa was associated with Mr. Y. Epstein of the Feuchtwanger Bank and with the bank itself. It was the inquiries into the affairs of the bank that brought to light the alleged use of Yakhin-Hakal and other funds, apparently in the promotion of private interests.

Demands that the file he handed over to the police for a legal inquiry and possible action have been voiced by several members of the central committee. Unless there is an official inquiry, the prestige of the Histadrut could be seriously damaged.

A BLUE BOX IN EVERY HOME - Miriam Fishbane (left) of B'nai Akiva explains to Mrs. Wilfrid Meissner, Toronto, that the Jewish National Fund Blue Box belongs in the daily life of every Jewish home.

Recently members of the Toronto Zionist youth organizations, Young Judea, B'nai Akiva, Hashomer Hatzair and Habonim, in conjunction with the Jewish National Fund, conducted a Blue Box placement drive in the Bathurst Manor area.

The Boxes were placed in four hundred homes where they are a symbol of Israel's rebirth and development as well as an important educational element for the youngsters of the family by fostering enduring interest and attachment to the ideals of the Jewish people.

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de Soto; the Consul-General of Germany and Mrs. Appel; and many others.

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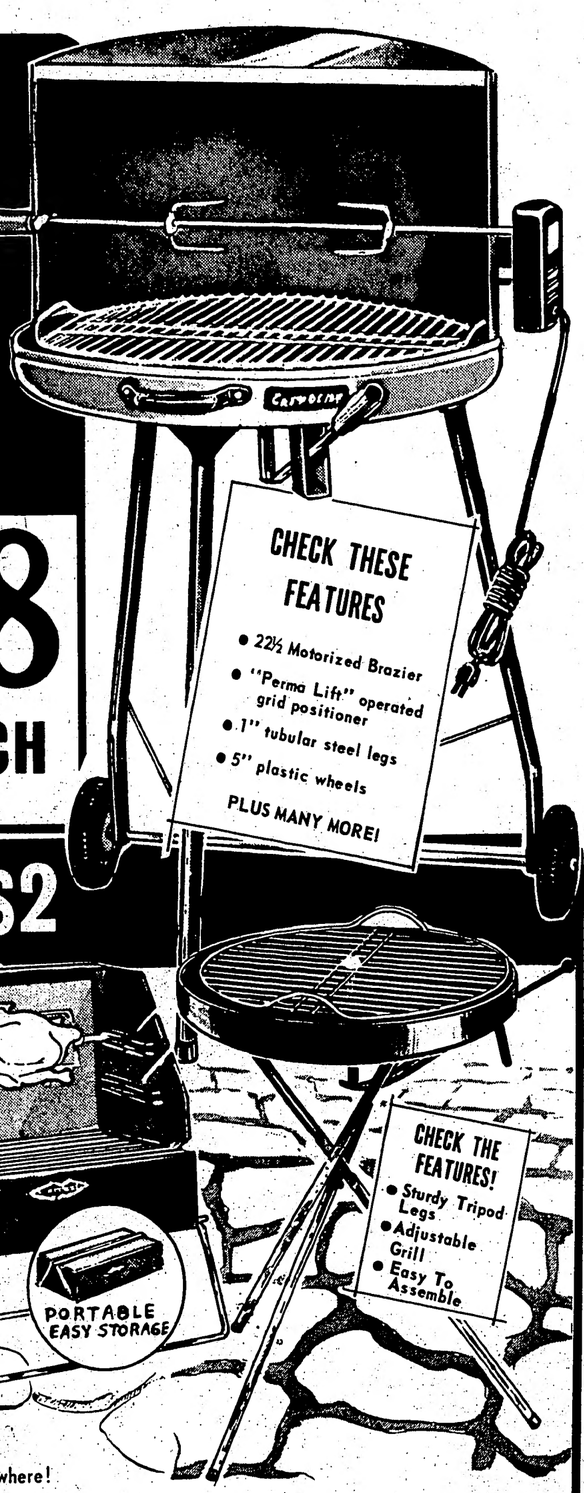

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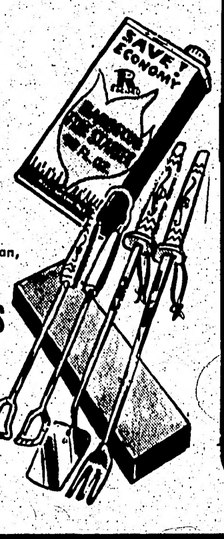

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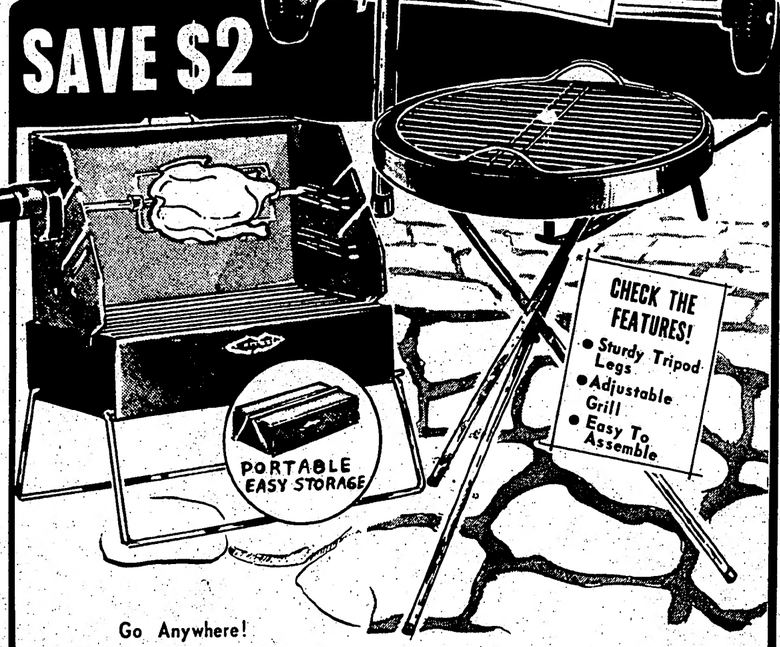

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